target, the principal strategy will be to set up production levels at international boat and prices, market promotion and ^export thrusi, international quality of products, rationalisation of tariff and procedures, strengthening the manpower base to give growth to the Electronic and Information Technlogy,

Andhra Pradesh proposal for "Electronics Governance"

2488. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY:

DR ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

fa) whether Andhra Pradesh Govern. ment has jubmittod *a* proposal for clearance of Project Repor, on I lectronic Governance at a cost of Rs. 1-2 crores;

ib» if so. the details thereof and whether Government have examined this pro. posal;

fc) what assistance uould be extended lie Governments, like Andhra Pradesh who wish to develop electronics Governance; and

tdl the steps proposed to clear the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government ;md by when the same would be cleared for implementation?

III! M1MSTI R OI SI.MI IN till MIMS[«> til PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES Wl> PENSIONS AND Till M I N I M I R OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-l AIRS ISHRI S R BALASLBRVMO NIYs.Ni o (d) The Government ot Kndhr.i Pradesh submitted a proposal ruj the emerging paradigm of •invent being Ushered Information Technology and »rell- Wne of the areas for undertaking piloi project,, . inter no- - and fiber IT applications which would help in providing a more convenient aad viti/tn friandls m(etf*s- mem The* have he* ie Government officials and far-ther action ha» been imitated based on 'bur dtV-nssiottv

New Passport Office at Tinipathi

2489. DR. ALLADI P. RAlkUMAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

iai whether representations have been, received for opening a new Passport Office at Tirupati >n Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh;

fb) if so, the major points made out by the representaiionists and the act,on taken thereon; and

ic.) by Which date the neu Passport Office is likely to be established at 1 iru-pathi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY "I I MERNAL AFFAIRS ISHRIMATI KAMI A MMIAj (•) It-Sit.

(bi and ici All the representation^ highlighted the difficulties faced by the people of southern districts of Andhra Pradesh due to long distance ihcy have cr to visit Hyderabad for getting passports A Ben Passport Office has re-been opened *t Visalhapatnam in \ P tor the convenience of the reajdjeeej of iha' area. The number of appiica- raosrted from Ttrupathi and! its adjoining districts during was 2X121 which is far below the nurr. 5lMMVl s tn a year recommend-ed by the Standing (Parlia-ment on External Affairs for opening a new Passport. Office in any SUtt'reejoa. As sIK-h U-. proposal to open another Passport Office in Ttrupathj at present

Steering SeppiM for /adaaa aland on CTBT

2490 SHRI RAJUBAHI A PARMAR will PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to unistarred question 190 given to the rajya sabha on the 24th july 19997 and state

(a) wheterh the accent cricrical nu lear test by the united state has vindicaled insdna staed and appomisions

expressed while declining to sign the Comprehensive T^si Eana Treaty (CTBT) that it is un^-Hable preventing tl>e non-weapon countries fr*om* conducting nuclear tests while leaving it open to nacllear we-V B itatc$_s$ 10 conduct the^i; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto by way i:f securing support 'o their vii-ws 6«i stand on CTI1T from other countries and, securing a just and fair perspective in relation to nuewar weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWAN1): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a press statement on July 5, 1997, Government took note of the 'sub-critical" test csnducted by the Uni'ed States on luly 2, 1997 and expre scd concern that the subcntlcjl nuclear test has been justified "as an activity permitted under the CTBT. India has be;n consistently pointing out in both bilateral and international for$_a$ that the-CTBT in its present form contains loopholes Mid without bejng pia.ed in the context of a phased programme for global nuclear dis-armament Verves only a discriminuury on-p.oliferation intent ratier than the-urgent soal of global nuclear disarmament. India's stand on the CTBT enjoys support from non-aligned countries et well $_M$ international non-goveiamental organisations and the academic community. India believes that a nuclear weap.m-free world will enhance our national security as well as global security.

Makins Missiles with N warheads by Pakistan

14PI. SHRI SliSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRiMATI VEEN A VI Rma:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(») whether Government's attention baa aeeo dctwa to the report captioneJ "Pak making N.wa,heads" which ap peared in the Pioneer, dated the Juiy, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Government havt since confirmed the re-port? that Pakhtat is making missile with nuclear warhead with Chinese assistant, at its factor) at Fateh Ganj; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes, Str.

(b) and (c) Government are amjn of credible report's about Chinese a-sis-tan.e in Pakjstan'$_s$ mi: He programme. Government have made it clear tM these- developments pose a threat to Tndin's security End are not conducive !• the maintenaace of peace and stabilitj in the region. Government have been tat-in-- nc;e°. ry step-, to safegr.a'd the security and national in'c est and wl continue t_0 do so in kecking with '& assessment of developments pei'tain'ng to India's 'security environment.

Deployment of M 11 Misseils by pakistan

I. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stale:

fa) whether Government have vanned the reports that Pakistan has deployed ill M-II missiles near India« border; and

fh if so, the defensive measure! tpVen by India to mee: this threat?

THP MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF F\TFRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIM.VT KVMLA SINHAV. (») and (b) Gover-.m-nt are aware of a* reports in this regard. The acquisi tion of mi-vies *mi* rc'ajc.l technologic by Pakistan $_{»ous}j_V$ $_{m0}$ai-tared nnd a^css^d bjr Government. Our acquisition of M-H id Keen conveyed'the conrerncd Govcrnin remains fully committed to taking